GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF FUNDS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether substantial amount of funds earmarked for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana to the States including Gujarat have remained unutilized and returned to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c)whether the Union Government have received complaints of large scale diversion of funds from the Panchayati Institutions to other activities;

(d)if so, the details thereof; and

(e)the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b): The State-wise details of funds released and the balance remaining with the States under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana(PMGSY), assessed on the basis of expenditure reported by the States, are given in the Statement at Annexure. The funds released to the States are project specific and the expenditure depends on the physical progress of work. Balance funds in hand are to be utilized for making payments for on- going works.

(c): No, Sir. The funds for PMGSY are not released to Panchayati Raj Institutions.

(d) & (e): Questions do not arise.